

**VILLAGE OF MARBLEHEAD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD JULY 12, 2023**

Mayor Bird called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EXCUSE MARYANN SAUVEY FROM CURRENT MEETING**

Mr. Starcher moved to excuse council member Maryann Sauvey from the July 12 regular meeting. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

**ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE**

Answering roll call were Dean Dorko, Matt Kovach, Angie Kukay, Duane Myers, and John Starcher.

Also present were Fiscal Officer Rhonda Sowers, Solicitor Jim Barney, and Police Chief Kenn Thellmann.

Visitors in attendance were Kim Craig, Georgia Auxter, Jeff Auxter, Dale Harwood, Karyn Harwood, Dave Reed, Joe Gouker, Mary Dziak and Sarah Swanton.

**AMEND AGENDA**

Mayor Bird amended the agenda to include water forgiveness requests under new business.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the June 28, 2023 regular meeting were approved as submitted.

Minutes of the June 28, 2023 public hearing were approved as submitted.

**ADMINISTER OATH TO FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER SHAWN CRAIG**

Mayor Bird administered the oath of office to newly appointed, full-time police officer Shawn Craig who will begin his new position on July 16, 2023.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

Joe Gouker asked the status of the assessment process. Mrs. Sowers said legal counsel is currently reviewing the petitions to determine the next steps and added that the attorney will not be participating in the July 19 task group meeting.

Dale Harwood complimented village officials on the new playground in James Park.

Mary Dziak and her daughter Sarah Swanton asked permission to use Alexander Pike again this year for the second annual Sloane Swanton 5K Research Run-Walk. The event raises funds to support pediatric chordoma research. The council authorized use of the road for this event which will be held either September 9 or 17.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Solicitor**

Mr. Barney advised recent changes in state law will eliminate the need to publish newspaper notices following the approval of legislation. The change takes effect in August.

**Administrator**

Mr. White was on vacation but submitted a written report which included the following:

- The waterway permit application for the Johnson's Island waterline project has been submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers and a Phase I archeological field survey was conducted with nothing unusual found.
- The law firm of Bricker Graydon has been retained for the waterline special assessment process and is currently gathering facts about the project to determine the best way to proceed.
- The Johnson's Island waterline task group will meet July 19.
- Installation of playground surfacing has been completed. Village employees will finish the grading and seeding around the edges.

**Fiscal Officer**

Mrs. Sowers reported the following:

- Village funds earned \$10,244.00 in interest during the month of June.
- Resolutions were filed with the Ottawa County Board of Elections to place the 2.2 mill general fund replacement levy on the ballot this November.
- Ottawa County Board of Health sent notice that the village's 2024 apportionment for support of the Health District will be \$27,040.25.

**Police Chief**

Chief Thellmann submitted a summary of recent activity and reported the following:

- Officers working special detail during the annual Johnson's Island garage sale reported the event went smoothly.
- The Ohio Attorney General's office will now reimburse law enforcement agencies on a quarterly rather than annual basis for continuing professional training hours completed by the agency's officers.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Finance**

Mr. Starcher reported the finance committee met July 10 with representatives of RCAP to discuss the capital improvement plan and its impact on water rates.

**Parks, Cemetery, Trees**

No report.

**Infrastructure**

Mr. Dorko said there are still some drainage issues to address at Elliott and Stone Streets.

**Legislative**

Mr. Myers had no committee report.

**Zoning**

Mr. Kovach had no committee report.

**Personnel**

Mrs. Kukay had no committee report.

**LEGISLATION**

There was no legislation.

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. **IT Services** – Mrs. Sowers reported that recent technology issues in the zoning office prompted a search for a local computer company to service the village. After obtaining a proposal and consulting with the village administrator, Mrs. Sowers made a recommendation to contract with Firelands IT of Sandusky. Mr. Myers moved to contract with Firelands IT. Second by Mrs. Kukay. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Authorization to continue membership in Ottawa Regional Planning Commission** – Mr. Dorko moved to continue membership in the Ottawa Regional Planning Commission. Second by Mr. Myers. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.
- B. **Holy Assumption Halupki Festival** – Holy Assumption Orthodox Church will host its annual Halupki Festival on August 20. Council authorized use of its property at 214 E. Main for overflow parking if requested.
- C. **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Lions Club Perch Festival and Parade** – On August 26 the Lions Club will host its 31<sup>st</sup> annual Perch Festival in James Park. The event begins with a parade down Main Street at 11:00 a.m.
- D. **Holy Assumption Orthodox Church 125 Anniversary** – Holy Assumption Orthodox Church will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year with special activities planned for September 23.
- E. **One-time forgiveness of water charges due to leaks** – Mr. Starcher moved to authorize a one-time forgiveness of \$505.46 for large water usage due to a leak at 10850 E. Bayshore Rd., Marina 43 and of \$182.88 for large water usage due to a leak at 302 E. Main Street. Second by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.

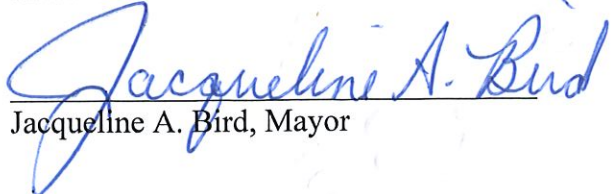
## AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to authorize payment of bills totaling \$174,682.53 including June payroll was made by Mr. Starcher and seconded by Mr. Dorko. Vote: Mr. Dorko-yes, Mr. Kovach-yes, Mrs. Kukay-yes, Mr. Myers-yes, Mr. Starcher-yes. Motion carried.


## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Kukay and seconded by Mr. Starcher. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:28 pm.

APPROVED:

  
Jacqueline A. Bird, Mayor

Attest:

  
Rhonda I. Sowers, Fiscal Officer